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TO : THE SECRETARY

THROUGH: M - RONALD I. SPIERS

FROM : A - DONALD J. BOUCHARD, DESIGNATE

SUBJECT: MEETING OF SYSTEMS SECURITY STEERING GROUP  
NOVEMBER 7, 1985; 4-5:00 P.M., WHITE HOUSE  
SITUATION ROOM

ISSUE FOR DECISION

WHETHER OR NOT YOU SHOULD ATTEND A SYSTEMS SECURITY  
STEERING GROUP MEETING AT THE WHITE HOUSE ON NOVEMBER  
7, 1985 AT 4:00 P.M.

BACKGROUND

NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE 145 (NSDD 145)  
WAS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1984.  
THIS DIRECTIVE RESTRUCTURED THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS  
SECURITY COMMUNITY AND INSTITUTIONALIZED NEW,  
CENTRALIZED CONTROL FOR THE EMERGING COMPUTER SECURITY  
COMMUNITY (SEE ATTACHMENT B).

UNDER THIS DIRECTIVE, A STEERING GROUP WAS FORMED  
CONSISTING OF THE SECRETARIES OF STATE, DEFENSE, AND  
TREASURY, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, AND THE DIRECTOR OF  
THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. THE STEERING GROUP IS  
CHAIRIED BY THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL  
SECURITY AFFAIRS AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL  
PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING OF NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS  
SECURITY AND COMPUTER SECURITY RESOURCES. INFORMATION  
ON THE ROLE OF THE STEERING GROUP IS ATTACHED AT TAB A.

THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
SECURITY COMMITTEE (NTISSC), WHICH CONSISTS OF 22 MAJOR  
GOVERNMENT OPERATING AGENCIES, REPORTS TO THE STEERING  
GROUP. THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE  
NTISSC IS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMUNICATIONS  
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THE FIRST STEERING GROUP MEETING HAS BEEN CALLED BY MR. MCFARLANE FOR NOVEMBER 7, FROM 4:00 TO 5:00 P.M. AT THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM. YOUR ATTENDANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED. AS OF TODAY, ONLY SECRETARY WEINBERGER, WHO IS EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY UNDER NSDD 145, AND GENERAL ODEM, THE DIRECTOR, NSA, HAVE CONFIRMED THEIR ATTENDANCE. CIA HAS INDICATED THAT MR. CASEY MAY ALSO GO. PARTICIPATION BY THE OTHER PRINCIPALS IS EXPECTED TO BE CLARIFIED TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING IS NOT CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT NSA WILL GIVE A BRIEFING OF THE STATUS OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SECURITY. OTHER TOPICS COULD INCLUDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE FY-87 COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY BUDGET AND A REQUEST FOR YOUR PUBLIC SUPPORT OF NSDD 145.

THE STATUS REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY WAS PREPARED BY THE NTISSC. IT DETERMINED THE SECURITY POSTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT REMAINS UNSATISFACTORY AND A UNIFIED EFFORT AND OBJECTIVE ARE NEEDED. NSA MAY PROVIDE A BRIEFING ON THIS.

REVIEW OF THE CONSOLIDATED FY-87 BUDGET IS A NSDD 145 RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STEERING GROUP. GOVERNMENT-WIDE BUDGET INPUT HAS BEEN GATHERED BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) AND REVIEWED BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY (NSA). THE RESULTS WILL BE PRESENTED PROBABLY IN THE CONTEXT OF INADEQUATE RESOURCES BEING APPLIED. NSA RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE MADE TO INCREASE RESOURCES.

YOUR SUPPORT OF NSDD 145 MAY BE REQUESTED. NSDD 145 REDIRECTS AND INTENSIFIES THE NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY EFFORTS. IT HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN QUESTIONED IN TERMS OF NSA AUTHORITY IN THE CIVIL SECTOR, PARTICULARLY BY CONGRESSMEN BROOKS AND GLICKMAN. MR. MCFARLANE WILL PROBABLY ADDRESS THIS.

MUCH ATTENTION HAS BEEN GIVEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY. FURTHERMORE, WHEN NSDD 145 WAS DRAFTED, CONSIDERABLE EFFORT WENT TOWARD ASSURING THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMUNITY WAS REPRESENTED AT THE HIGHEST POLICY MANAGEMENT LEVEL. YOUR ATTENDANCE AT THIS FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP WOULD BE A SIGNAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S HIGH COMMITMENT IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

SINCE THE WHITE HOUSE HAS REQUESTED CABINET-LEVEL PARTICIPATION, AND SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING GROUP, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU ATTEND. SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS COULD BE HANDLED BY OTHER HIGH-LEVEL DEPARTMENTAL OFFICIALS.

-- APPROVE ----- DISAPPROVE -----

**ATTACHMENTS**

--TAB A - COMPOSITION AND ROLE OF THE STEERING GROUP

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--TAB B - NATIONAL SECURITY DECISION DIRECTIVE 145

TAB A: EXTRACT FROM NSDD 145

IMPLEMENTATION - THIS DIRECTIVE ESTABLISHES A SENIOR LEVEL STEERING GROUP; AN INTERAGENCY GROUP AT THE OPERATING LEVEL; AN EXECUTIVE AGENT AND A NATIONAL MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT THESE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES.

SYSTEMS SECURITY STEERING GROUP - A SYSTEMS SECURITY STEERING GROUP CONSISTING OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE, AND CHAIRED BY THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS IS ESTABLISHED. THE STEERING GROUP SHALL:

1. OVERSEE THIS DIRECTIVE AND ENSURE ITS IMPLEMENTATION. IT SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE EXECUTIVE AGENT AND THROUGH HIM TO THE NATIONAL MANAGER WITH RESPECT TO THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN TO IMPLEMENT THIS DIRECTIVE.
2. MONITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OPERATING LEVEL NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY COMMITTEE AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR ITS ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES CONTAINED IN THIS DIRECTIVE.
3. REVIEW AND EVALUATE THE SECURITY STATUS OF THOSE TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND AUTOMATED INFORMATION SYSTEMS THAT HANDLE CLASSIFIED OR SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT OR GOVERNMENT-DERIVED INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO ESTABLISHED OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES, AND REPORT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL TO THE PRESIDENT.
4. REVIEW CONSOLIDATED RESOURCES PROGRAM AND BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS SECURITY, INCLUDING THE COMSEC RESOURCES PROGRAM, FOR THE US GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO OMB FOR THE NORMAL BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS.
5. REVIEW IN AGGREGATE THE PROGRAM AND BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR THE SECURITY OF AUTOMATED INFORMATION SYSTEMS OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.
6. REVIEW AND APPROVE MATTERS REFERRED TO IT BY THE EXECUTIVE AGENCY IN FULFILLING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 6. BELOW.
7. ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE PROTECTION OF INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AND METHODS BE GUIDED BY THE POLICIES OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE.
8. INTERACT WITH THE STEERING GROUP ON NATIONAL SECURITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF THIS DIRECTIVE AND NSDD 97, NATIONAL SECURITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS POLICY, ARE ADDRESSED IN A COORDINATED MANNER.
9. RECOMMEND FOR PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO THIS DIRECTIVE AS NATIONAL INTEREST MAY REQUIRE.
10. IDENTIFY CATEGORIES OF SENSITIVE NON-GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, THE LOSS OF WHICH COULD

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ADVERSELY AFFECT THE NATIONAL SECURITY INTEREST, AND  
RECOMMEND STEPS TO PROTECT SUCH INFORMATION.

B. THE NATIONAL MANAGER FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND  
INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY SHALL FUNCTION AS  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO THE STEERING GROUP.

TAB 8: NOTE: COPY OF NSDD 145 PROVIDED TO BRUNSON  
MCKINLEY PRIOR TO SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW.

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